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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: THIRD DAY OF WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO -
AFTERNOON SESSION

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUGUST 10 AFTERNOON OF THE
WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO CONCENTRATED ON SWAPO'S INITIAL
REACTION TO THE ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE PRESENTED BY THE FIVE
THAT MORNING. AS EXPECTED, SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA
REFRAINED FROM ANY OVERALL ENDORSEMENT OR REJECTION OF THE
TIMETABLE. HE SUGGESTED CERTAIN ALTERATIONS, INCLUDING
ACCELERATED DEPARTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, WHICH COULD

MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
TO ACCEPT TIMETABLE AS WHOLE. END SUMMARY.

2. REPLYING TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S REQUEST FOR
SWAPO'S GENERAL REACTION TO THE TIMETABLE, NUJOMA
REFRAINED FROM ANY OVERALL ENDORSEMENT OR
REJECTION, SAYING THAT THE TIMETABLE CONTAINED ELE-
MENTS WITH WHICH SWAPO COULD AGREE AND OTHER ELEMENTS
WITH WHICH IT DISAGREED. EVEN ON QUESTION OF
CONTINGENCY PLANNING BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT
(SEE ITEM 1 OF TIMETABLE IN REFTEL B), WITH WHICH
HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, HE TOOK CAUTIOUS POSITION
THAT SWAPO WAS NOT ABLE AT THIS TIME TO APPROACH
THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HOWEVER, NUJOMA AGREED THAT
HE COULD TAKE A POSITIVE LINE ON UN CONTINGENCY
PLANNING IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPROACHED HIM
UNDER THE AEGIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

3. NUJOMA ALSO AGREED TO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION
(ITEM 2), CEASEFIRE AND CONFINEMENT OF TROOPS TO
BASES (ITEM 3) AND FIRST PHASES OF SOUTH AFRICAN
TROOP WITHDRAWAL (ITEMS 4 AND 5), SUBJECT IN LATTER
CASES TO ASSURANCES ON VERIFICATION.

4. HE WANTED TO MOVE RETURN OF SWAPO MEMBERS
(ITEM 4) FORWARD IN TIME TO ITEM 6 WHEN REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION
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WOULD HAVE BEEN REPEALED.

5. FIRST MAJOR SWAPO DISAGREEMENT WAS ON CONCENTRA-
TION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AT GROOTFONTEIN BASE
(ITEM 6). NUJOMA PROPOSED THAT TROOPS BE CON-
CENTRATED AT KARASBURG, NOT FAR FROM THE ORANGE
RIVER BORDER WITH SOUTH AFRICA, INSTEAD OF
GROOTFONTEIN. FROM KARASBURG, HE SAID, THEY WOULD
FIND IT HARDER TO INTERVENE. ALSO IN ITEM 6,
NUJOMA PROPOSED MOVING OFFICIAL OPENING OF ELECTORAL
CAMPAIGN FORWARD IN TIME TO ITEM 7.

6. NUJOMA ALSO REJECTED CONTINUED PRESSURE OF A
LIMITED FACE-SAVING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE EIGHTEEN
WEEKS AFTER AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO EFFECT (ITEM 7).
HE INSISTED THAT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE
WITHDRAWN BEFORE THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS.
THIS WAS THE SAME POSITION HE TOOK AT THE START
OF THE TALKS, WHEN HE SAID ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS
MUST BE OUT WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

7. NUJOMA SAID THAT SWAPO SAW NO NEED FOR TWO

ELECTIONS (ITEMS 8 AND 11). ONE ELECTION AT ITEM 8
COULD SELECT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WOULD WRITE A
CONSTITUTION AND FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA.
AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS
TOO EARLY TO DEFINITELY FIX TIEMS 10-12 IN THE
TIMETALBE, AND THAT THESE TIEMS WOULD HAVE TO
REMAIN TENTATIVE FOR THE TIME BEING.

8. AT THE CONCLUSION OF SWAPO'S PRESENTATION,
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS
THAT SOME OF SWAPO'S IDEAS, ESPECIALLY AN ACCELERATED
DEPARTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND THE USE OF
KARASBURG BASE, WOULD BE RESISTED BY THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD MAKE OVERALL SOUTH
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AFRICAN AGREEMENT THAT MUCH HARDER TO OBTAIN.
HOWEVER, THE FIVE WOULD CONVEY SWAPO'S IDEAS TO
THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS FOR CONSIDERATION.

9. COMMENT: ANOTHER MEETING WITH SWAPO HAS BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11 TO PRODUCE
AN AGREED SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPLE POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION.
WE WILL COMMENT FURTHER ON THE AGREED TEXT.

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